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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 9/12/2008.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-5, 7-16, 18-33, 35-40, 42-48.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

This Office Action is responsive to Applicant's response filed September 12, 2008. Examiner notes the Cross Reference section as stated in the amendment for inclusion in the specification.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-5, 7-16, 18-33, 35-40 and 42-48 allowed. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: the prior art fails to teach or suggest the limitations of the independent claims.

The primary difference between the claimed invention and the prior art is a holding tank storing a plurality of unrelated orders where the holding tank has one or more market-related conditions associated with the holding tank as a whole, monitoring the one or more conditions of the holding tank and when one or more conditions are met, removing all of the plurality of unrelated orders from the holding tank.

The prior art of Lupien et al. in US Patent 5,101,353 discloses an order book for storing buy and sell orders, where the orders have decision tables of conditions which apply to those orders stored therein, and wherein when the conditions of the orders are met, the orders are released. However, Lupien does not disclose a holding tank storing a plurality of unrelated orders where the holding tank has one or more market-related

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conditions associated with the holding tank as a whole, monitoring the one or more conditions of the holding tank and when one or more conditions are met, removing all of the plurality of unrelated orders from the holding tank. Instead, Lupien discloses where conditions relate to individual orders and wherein individual orders are released when the conditions against them are met.

Jain et al. in US Patent 6,343,278 B1 discloses the generation of a group of related orders where the group of orders can be subject to a common limit order. However, Jain does not disclose a holding tank storing a plurality of unrelated orders where the holding tank has one or more market-related conditions associated with the holding tank as a whole, monitoring the one or more conditions of the holding tank and when one or more conditions are met, removing all of the plurality of unrelated orders from the holding tank. Instead Jain discloses a group of related orders and further wherein not all orders are released completely at the same time.

Further prior art of Tilfors et al. in US Patent 6,377,940 B2 discloses where multiple order books can be consulted for price comparisons. However, Tilfors fails to disclose a holding tank storing a plurality of unrelated orders where the holding tank has one or more market-related conditions associated with the holding tank as a whole, monitoring the one or more conditions of the holding tank and when one or more conditions are met, removing all of the plurality of unrelated orders from the holding tank. Instead, Tilfors discloses single orders being traded amongst a plurality of order books seeking the best price for the particular order.

Independent claim 1 discloses a method for facilitating trade comprising retrieving a decision table having at least two rules specifying discovery and order handling strategies, the decision table also includes a holding tank storing a plurality of unrelated orders that have been generated but not yet submitted for execution at a market, evaluating whether the rules have been satisfied, storing an order in the holding tank where the holding tank has one or more market-related conditions associated with the holding tank as a whole, monitoring the one or more conditions of the holding tank and when one or more conditions are met, removing all of the plurality of unrelated orders from the holding tank and taking a trading-related action for the removed orders.

Independent claim 12 discloses a method for facilitating trade comprising retrieving a decision table having at least two rules specifying discovery and order handling strategies, the decision table also includes a holding tank storing a plurality of unrelated orders that have been generated but not yet submitted for execution at a market, evaluating whether the rules have been satisfied, storing an order in the holding tank where the holding tank has one or more market-related conditions associated with the holding tank as a whole, monitoring the one or more conditions of the holding tank and when one or more conditions are met, removing all of the plurality of unrelated orders from the holding tank and taking a trading-related action for the removed orders.

Independent claim 33 discloses a system for facilitating trade comprising computer systems for retrieving a decision table having at least two rules specifying discovery and order handling strategies, the decision table also includes a holding tank storing a plurality of unrelated orders that have been generated but not yet submitted for

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execution at a market, evaluating whether the rules have been satisfied, storing an order in the holding tank where the holding tank has one or more market-related conditions associated with the holding tank as a whole, monitoring the one or more conditions of the holding tank and when one or more conditions are met, removing all of the plurality of unrelated orders from the holding tank and taking a trading-related action for the removed orders.

Independent claim 40 discloses a computer-accessible medium having executable instructions which when executed for processing an order in accordance with a decision table having rules specifying conditions and actions, the decision table also includes a holding tank storing a plurality of unrelated orders that have been generated but not yet submitted for execution at a market, evaluating whether the rules have been satisfied, storing an order in the holding tank where the holding tank has one or more market-related conditions associated with the holding tank as a whole, monitoring the one or more conditions of the holding tank and when one or more conditions are met, removing all of the plurality of unrelated orders from the holding tank and taking a trading-related action for the removed orders.

Independent claim 47 discloses a computer system for facilitating trading with the means for language for completing the methods as disclosed above.

Independent claim 48 discloses using a computer to operate an order handling process which retrieves a decision table having at least two rules specifying discovery and order handling strategies, the decision table also includes a holding tank storing a plurality of unrelated orders that have been generated but not yet submitted for

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Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication should be directed to Jennifer Liversedge whose telephone number is 571-272-3167. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday, 8:30 AM - 5 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kambiz Abdi can be reached at 571-272-6702. The fax number for the organization where the application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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